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In re Application of:

Lawrence GREENFIELD, et al.

Serial No.: 09/997,169

Filed: November 28, 2001

For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS
AND PROTEASES

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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002 and discuss the Advisory Action dated March 26, 2003. The period for reply has been extended for one (1) month by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and extension fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 25 to read as follows:

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